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The Salt of the Earth that Hast not Lost its Savor

YES, here he is boys—I present him to you—Mr. William Young one of nature's noblemen. Though disfigured by man he is the type of the honest poor man.

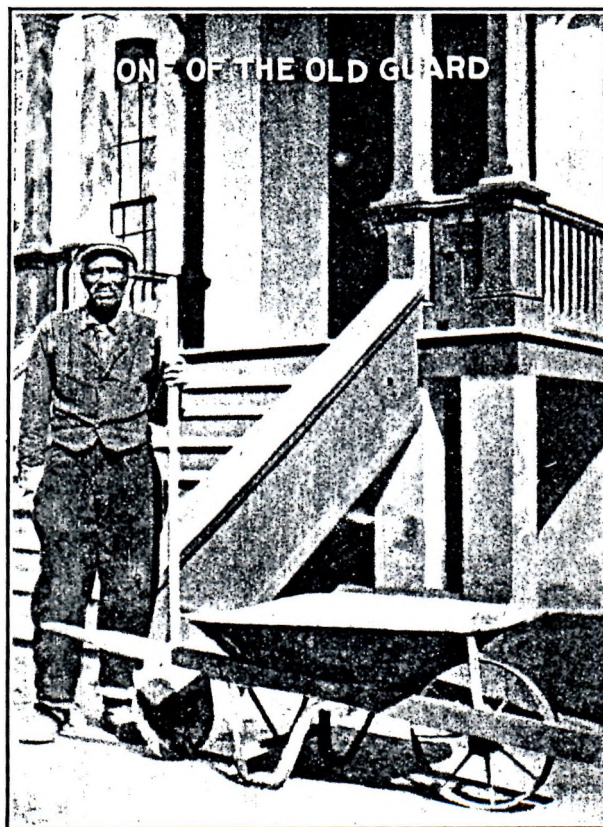
If told to go to work in the morning hours I need not go to see him again 'till the closing hours and I will find the work done—honest toil. I know him well and I present him to the young as an example of the business-like, conscientious man of endeavor. Look at him well—The lines in his face are not of dissipation but of toil—the toil made harder because the future had no open door for him.

We call him "Uncle Young" in endearment and appreciation of the honest gentleman. He is never rude, does not shirk or dissipate but always works. There is in his humility no spirit of the slave, for he would "quit" work were I, his friend, to charge him falsely. You may never have marked him well because he attends to his business and not yours. I

am going out now to see him rather for curiosity than for the inspection of his work. I told him this morning what to do and I am sure when I find it done it will show no evidence of shirking. It will be a full day's work, efficiently performed.

I can not long see his rough exterior for I have never approached him but that I have forgotten the exterior in the presence of the man. Were I an artist I might draw him in his work-

ing apparel but my spirit would lead toward his soul. His faith is set "On High." It is simple faith not mixed with doubts from too much or too little learning. So far as he is concerned he is in his belief in the hands of "The Maker" and no austere reasoning can shake his faith. He is of the Old Guard, so many of whom I knew



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at Howard University thirty-eight years ago. They have gone but their works do follow them. It is a benediction to have known them. As this "Last leaf" is left, boys, take pattern of him for industry, fair dealing, and good fellowship. You will say that he is not an angel, I say that he is of "The Salt of the Earth." Boys, I once more present to you my friend, Mr. William Young.

Geo. William Cook
Howard University, May 10, '13

Journal Staff for the Year 1913 Elected

ON last Saturday afternoon between the hours of twelve and three the paid up subscribers to the JOURNAL of the College of Arts and Sciences and the Teachers College went to the polls and elected the following students to take control of the JOURNAL next school year: Editor-In-Chief, T. R. Davis, '14; Associate Editors, W. A. Pollard, '15, R. McCant Andrews, '15, O. L. Bohanon, '14, and Miss Madree Penn, '14; Athletic Editor, I. G. Bailey, '15; Business Manager, Clayborne George, '15; Advertisement Manager, E. H. Crampton, '15; Circulation Manager, R. A. Davis, '14.

There were two ballots in the field designated one the "Official Ballot", the other the "People's Ballot". The supporters of both did hard work both prior to and during the election to carry the entire slate or as large a majority of the respective ballots as possible. When the contest was over and the announcement made in Chapel Monday noon, six had been selected from the "Official Ballot" and four from the "People's Ballot."

This is the first staff to have a female member on its list. Either ticket presented a young lady to be voted on; the lady on the "People's Ballot" was chosen. She is a lady worthy of her position both on the score of efficiency and enthusiasm, and promises

to be a valuable addition to the staff. The chosen roster, too, represents one selected after a vigorous and enthusiastic campaign on the side of both parties in the field. Almost every student in the two departments holding the franchise was approached personally by one or more of the campaign managers of the two ballots. In this way an unusual amount of interest was aroused in the election. As a result almost all the students of the two colleges are paid up subscribers to the JOURNAL.

If such a method of election continues, it will sooner or later have the effect of getting every student interested in the support of the JOURNAL from the beginning, thereby making it the organ it should be in the life of the University.

Breath Of Spring

O fragrant breath of spring!
In shady dale, in sunny street
Thou lurkest—and each living
thing

Is quickened by thy nectar sweet
O fragrant breath of spring!

O music rare of spring!
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The Downward Tendency

THE late Carl Schurz, who was intimately associated with the New York Evening Post, not long before his death wrote:

"Here is the crucial point: There will be a movement either in the direction of reducing the Negro to a permanent condition of serfdom—the condition of the mere plantation hand alongside of the mule, practically without any rights of citizenship, or a movement in the direction of recognizing him as a citizen in the full sense of the term. One or the other will prevail."

This prediction came sooner than the prophet had anticipated. Ever since the hour of Negro liberation for fully fifty years, these two opposing forces have been combating each other. Just which one of these two movements is going to ultimately win out we cannot yet tell. But at present it is evident that the American people are moving swiftly in the effort to reduce the Negro to a permanent position of inferiority.

Within the last two or three months the few Federal doors of any note that were open to the Negro are being entirely closed against him. The position of assistant attorney generalship of the United States, so successfully and eminently filled by a colored man, was a few weeks ago abolished by Congress and re-established only to be the recipient of a white occupant. Gen. Robert Small, a brave and patriotic citizen during the Civil War, and who with credit and efficiency for nearly twenty years held the station as collector of ports at Beaufort, S. C., was dismissed a few days ago without any charges whatsoever except that he held a white man's office and must give way to the most favored. The general tendency in the last few months has been toward the final elimination of Negro service in the Federal Machinery.

The National Democratic "Fair Play" movement is one great outstanding potency hastening the retrogression of the Negro to a permanent position of inferiority. This Association is aiming to foster a complete segregation of Negroes in all the departments. Such a critical predicament is intended to make the Negro employee feel his subordinate position in the Federal service where no discrimination is supposed to exist. This "Fair Play" Democratic movement justifies its existence on the grounds that there should be a reform in the conditions prevailing in the service. Its leaders point to the fact that the whites at times have to rely on the colored for instruction relating to their work, and such an abnormal situation should not be allowed in the Federal system. If this movement accomplishes its aim on such envious grounds as have been cited, the next step will be to find like reasons why Negroes should not be employed in any Federal position. This device is already permeating the air. The intention of the president has been implied in all his action of appointment, that where ever race opposition develops no plums for Negroes. This means no positions for Negroes hereafter in the Federal services under Mr. Wilson's administration.

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The President so far has not reckoned with the Negro. He has in all his appointments eliminated the black man entirely from the question. This of course is the reward of the Negroes who supported the rank and file of the Democratic party. If to the victor belongs the spoils, why not then share the spoils equally? Why shift the position which the negro had under the Republican administration to the White man under the Democratic administration? Mr. Wilson has so far in his dealings with the Negro not been in keeping with what was said to be his policies, that the negro would be no worse off by his election. It is difficult for any one to tell what the president took as his standard of comparison when he made the statement. But we do know that if he meant to take the present political status of the Negro as his basis of comparison, every action which the president has taken since his election affecting the Negro has been toward his political retrogression.

How is this downward tendency which is so evident in the present administration to be checked? It is absolutely impossible for any race barred from regulative scheme of society to develop and maintain its greatest excellence.

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These United States themselves won and maintain their independence on this ground. The time is ripe for Negro representatives in all the governmental procedures of our land. Instead of positions being closed against the Negro more and more ought to be opened up to him.

This downward tendency has started, and it is in a great measure up to the educated Negro himself to check it. Somebody has said if the North would take the lead in getting and maintaining the political rights of the Negro, many good southern whites would join with them. Whether this be true or not, we know that the weight is upon us, we are suffering the pain. Why wait for some one else to come and lift the weight when there is a surplus energy of the sufferer which if slightly applied to the case will easily lighten the burden?

It is up to every intelligent Negro through the influence of his voice, pen, and intelligent use of the ballot to curve this downward tendency before it strikes the line of almost perpetual serfdom.

J. W. Nutt, '13.

Piano-Forte Recital

By Miss Cornelia D. Lampton ✓

The first of a series of four piano-forte recitals by the pupils of the University Conservatory of Music was given by Miss Cornelia D. Lampton, '15, Thursday afternoon. These recitals are a part of the regular course of the Music Department, designed to give the students practice and experience in public appearance.

Miss Lampton showed in her performance that she has been under efficient tutorship. Her selections included some of the most difficult pieces of Beethoven, Grieg, Chopin, Schubert and Liszt. Her best efforts perhaps were Greig's *op. 19 No. 1, On the Mountains* and *Hark! Hark! the Lark*

from Schubert-Liszt. In these she showed excellent control, sustaining the themes admirably.

Miss Lampton is developing an enviable touch, which if continued bids fair to stand her in good stead. The selections were of a wide range, designed to test the pupil's sense of movement, expression, interpretation and technique. In all, Miss Lampton ran her scales with consistent accuracy, while her crescendos and diminuendos were perfect.

These individual recitals are calculated to serve a great purpose in the Music Courses. They give the instructors a chance to gauge their pupils and at the same time give the pupils the benefit of learning to appear before the public through the medium of a sympathetic audience.

The audience was the largest seen at a matinee affair in Howard for a long time. It was made up of a large number of city people as well as students.

Notice!

The annual Senior Prom. of the Teachers College will take place at Odd Fellow's Hall Thursday May 15th, at 8 P.M. Admission will be by invitation only. Subscription, (50) fifty cents. All desiring invitations will please send names and addresses to Prom. Committee, Teachers College, Howard University.

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EDITORIAL

¶ Our football heroes of the past season have had their sport and gathered home their honors, the University H. The basketball players have gone the same rounds and the baseball stars are now running their course to be awarded a fitting palm at the close of the season. But our debaters—Alas! What is their reward? The only recognition they get for services so well rendered is: "Well done, thou good and faithful servants." For them there is no come up higher,

no worthy compensation awaits these poor toilers. Why does such a condition exist? Certainly their work, though of a different character from that of the athletes, calls for as much time from study for practice and the like, and their activity means as much to the University as any other line of attainment. It is time that we begin to honor all who deserve honor. There is not a student in Howard who would not like to see this situation altered.

¶ It seems that our white brothers have not yet been convinced fully that higher education as well as industrial training is meant for the Negro. They will not be convinced by the attainments of our men of the colleges that the college bred men of the race are really doing things and are composing the principal leadership of our people. It was the intention of the authorities at "The World in Chicago" to have shown only Negro exhibits from Hampton Institute, that is to say, to bar all notice of attainment in higher culture and stress entirely industrial education. Recognition of Howard's exhibits was secured only after the persistent perseverance of Professor W. V. Tunnell.

This demonstrates the fact that the Negro must fight and fight hard, if he would take his rightful place in the country. Whenever he is certain that the thing for which he stands is right, he should force his point to the bitter end. Right must prevail in the long run.

¶ The election of the New JOURNAL staff the one phase of student life that has occupied first place in the thought of a large proportion of the college students is now over. What the JOURNAL time and again emphasized in connection with this matter—efficiency—it believes has been obtained by the thoughtful, discriminating vote of the student body of the Teachers College and the College of Arts

and Sciences. The JOURNAL believes that the journalistic interest of Howard University is safe intrusted in such hands as those placed in control of affairs.

All seemed to be very persistent and enthusiastic in placing the staff in position. The thing now needed is equally as assiduous support to those chosen.

This support can show itself in various ways, by subscribing and influencing others to subscribe, by contributing to the columns of the JOURNAL and by doing everything possible towards raising and sustaining the tone of the publication. There is no reason why every alumnus and every student, at least, should not be a full fledged, paid up subscriber to the University JOURNAL. In rendering aid to any particular endeavor in the university you proportionally assist your institution.

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